

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 5 under 35 USC § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Dabrowski (U.S. Patent No. 5,644,272); claims 1 - 4 and 6 - 9 under 35 USC § 102 (e) as being anticipated by Rofougaran (U.S. Patent No. 6,809,581); and claims 6 and 10 under 35 USC § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Dabrowski (U.S. Patent No. 5,644,272) in view of Dexter (U.S. Patent No. 6,654,595). These rejections have been traversed and, as such, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the allowability of claims 1, 3-6, and 8-10.

2. The applicant believes that the claims, as currently amended, overcome the present rejections.

For the foregoing reasons, the applicant believes that claims 1, 3-6, and 8-10 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be passed to allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the present invention.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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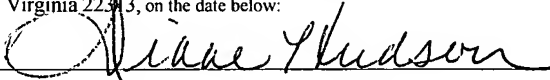
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